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SUBJECT: GPRM TAKES OVER CONTROL OF SENA SUGAR ESTATES

REF: MAPUTO 1009 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON AUGUST 10, THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF SENA SUGAR ESTATES. THE PUBLISHED DISPATCH FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY WHICH IS BASED ON DECREE LAW 16/75 (REFTEL), CHARGES ECONOMIC SABOTAGE AGAINST SENA'S BRITISH MANAGEMENT. UNDER ITS TERMS THE STATE ASSUMED ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL POWERS, AS WELL AS SENA'S MOZAMBIQUE ASSETS AND ALL LIABILITIES.

2. SENA WAS CHARGED WITH MANY IRREGULARITIES AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE. THE SITUATION WAS EXPLAINED TO SENA WORKERS IN LUABO AND MARROMEU BY FERNANDO MATAVELE AND OSWALDO TAZAMA, GOVERNORS OF THE TWO PROVINCES IN WHICH SENA'S PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED. SENA'S MAPUTO OFFICE WAS OCCUPIED BY THE GPRM AND THE LOCAL OFFICIALS LOCKED OUT, BUT FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE THE CITY. IT IS LIKELY THAT SIMILAR

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MEASURES WERE TAKEN AT SENA OFFICES IN BEIRA AND LUABO, BUT EMBASSY CANNOT CONFIRM.

3. APPOINTED AS ADMINISTRATORS WERE PEDRO GAIVAO ODALAH AND EDUARDO ARAO. GAIVAO ODALAH FORMERLY SERVED ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF ACUCAREIRA DE MOCAMBIQUE, SECOND ONLY TO SENA IN SUGAR PRODUCTION NATIONALLY. HE HAS A MILITARY BACKGROUND

AND THE REPUTATION AS A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR. ARAO IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY.

4. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF GPRM'S INTENTIONS CONCERNING SENA'S FOREIGN DEBTS.
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